

DAYBOAT NOTES

News from the Yachting World Dayboat Association

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Hello Dayboaters,

What a glorious summer so far and long may it continue.

You'll see from the following articles that the fleet is continuing to evolve with new members coming on board, boats changing hands, and clubs revitalizing themselves.

Bosham has already held two Open meetings which were both a success and their fleet continues to grow and attract helms from other fleets.

Gravesend are now back in business following their lay-off period when the crane was out of action, but the acquisition of Emma DB 655 seems to have added a new impetus to the fleet. It's good to see Geoff Honey back in a boat after his years of recovery from various ailments – welcome back Geoff. It was also pleasing to see that David Morrice in Blue Nose DB 625 back joining in the Dayboat activities.

Thornbury are also on the up which is great to see. I think the fleet dwindled to just one or two boats but they seem to have found their second wind (so to speak) and the fleet is growing again.

The Dayboat fleet at Poole remains healthy, and the racing is as competitive as ever, although numbers are slightly down from the previous heady heights of nearly 50 Dayboats, We are looking forward to a good turnout of 'home' boats, and visitors, for Dayboat Week.

The Poole fleet now has some new digital scales for weighing boats, and the Association has a new hull measurement jig that has already been used 'in anger' (see Pages 6/7). Talks with a potential new boat builder are progressing well, so things are moving forward and the future of our Dayboat fleets looks secure.

If you haven't yet entered for Dayboat Week, there's still time to apply and full details can be found on the Association Website or the Poole YC website.

Here's hoping for a great 'rest of the summer'.

John Lokier DB 632 Don't Panic

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Register (easy) and then search for 'Yachting World Day Boat' and ask to join - it's free



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Dayboats sailing at Poole, Photo by Mike Millard

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Welcome to new members

Peter Hankey, Bosham SC DB 666 L'Enfant Terrible

Martin Theophilus, DB 119, Bali Hai

Chris & Karen Smith, DB 655, Emma

We hope you will all enjoy your Dayboats and many happy hours sailing them.

RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2018 took place at Alexandra Palace in London over the weekend of 3 - 4 March. Unfortunately our setting up team were snowed in and our attendance at the show had to be cancelled



**Remember to visit the Association website - www.ywdb.co.uk
Information - News - Boats & Gear for sale
and lots of DB photos**

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Gravesend SC Dayboat Open Weekend

The 2018 GSC Open was blessed with excellent sailing conditions of blue skies and a f3. With 2 visitors, Tim and Diana Parkinson in DB 565 Avocet and first time visitors to Gravesend, David, Ester and Alistair Morrice sailing DB625 Blue Nose.

In a change from the usual format we held the long distance race on the Saturday and instead of sailing downriver we went up river to Greenhithe. This proved to be popular with the 8 dayboat competitors, as apart from a short windward leg to the first mark, it was down wind with the tide all the way to Greenhithe. Once the mark was rounded and the journey back to GSC got underway the downwind joy turned to upwind agony with wind over tide.

Eventually all boats returned to GSC with Phoenix taking and holding the lead from Ozone Friendly about 1 mile out from the finish line. Later a number of tired bodies sat down to a great supper and discuss various fortunes and misfortunes of the first race.

Sunday was just as glorious weather wise with blue skies and aching bodies and a f2-3. With 2 shorter races starting just off the club heading downriver and across to the Essex shore, before a downwind leg to a laid mark and a reach back across the river. This course provided a number of close tacking duels and downwind covering over the two laps. Once again Phoenix managed to overhaul Ozone Friendly to gain a second win. With the same course used for the second race but limited to one lap Avocet gained an overlap on the penultimate mark passing inside of Phoenix to take the lead and winning the race.

The overall results for weekend

1 st	636	Phoenix	Geoff Honey/Duncan Bradley
2 nd	565	Avocet	Tim Parkinson/Diana Parkinson
3 rd	535	Ozone Friendly	Paul Winterflood/Rob Turpie
4 th	660	Widgeon	Steve Davies/Penny Davies
5 th	610	Crystal Dawn	Chris Steer/ Adrian Perkins
6 th	625	Bluenose	David Morrice/Ester & Alistair Morrice
7 th	655	Emma	Chris Smith/Karen Smith
8 th	612	Hazy Daze	Charlotte Griffiths/Pete Griffiths

Geoff Honey, Phoenix 636

Bosham

Despite the very odd weather we have experienced so far this season we have managed some good racing amongst a big turnout of DB's.

In the season long series Mark & Shirley Stanton (DB 673) are sailing very fast, and are definitely the boat to beat.

Open Meeting 2018

On Saturday 9th June, 10 Bosham DB's combined with visitors from as far afield as Thornbury and Gravesend to compete for the Doubloon Trophy. The weather forecast was positive but proved to be a little optimistic. In the event the promised Force 2-3 turned into a fitful Force 1-2.

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However race officer Mike Camps and his team did a great job of running all three despite battling 30 degree windshifts.

In the first race, newcomer to the class, Simon Veysey and Bruce Garrett (DB651) led from start to finish. James Hewitt crewed by Rachel Bullingham (DB676) just grabbed second place on the line from David Macfarlane and Rosemary Hanbury (DB597)

The second race saw Paul Dewing and Katie Prentice (DB475) 'do a horizon job' leading from the start and finishing a huge distance ahead of James Hewitt and Simon Veysey. So all was up for grabs in the third race.

Initially, the fleet was led by another class newcomer Tim Wilcock, crewed by Isabel Russell in a borrowed boat. However the wind then turned off and when it returned from a totally different direction, Paul Winterflood and Geoff Turpie (DB535) from Gravesend were best placed to take advantage and win the race from Simon Veysey and Paul Dewing.

By finishing ahead of Paul Dewing in this race meant that Simon Veysey took the overall prize with Paul Dewing second and James Hewitt third.

As prizegiving was held as soon as the fleet got ashore, followed by a very convivial supper in the club attended by 20 sailors and supporters.

Bosham Masters

Bosham's pre-eminent one design regatta took place over the 3 day weekend 22nd-24th June, and was once again masterminded by Barry Colgate.

By complete contrast with the early part of the season the sun shone throughout and the fleets enjoyed perfect 10-12 knot sea breezes, flat water and an almost empty Chichester Harbour.

A total of 10 DB's raced over the 3 days and enjoyed some spectacular racing and visited parts of the Harbour that some never knew existed!

James Hewitt & Rachel Bullingham (DB676) sailed very fast, won 4 of the 6 races and took home the Currey Cup . David & Fiona Macfarlane (DB597) were somewhat hampered in their attempt to catch James & Rachel by having to miss the Saturday to attend a family wedding. They did however manage to win 2 of the races they sailed to finish 2nd overall.

Paul Dewing & Katie Prentice (DB475) finished 3rd overall.

As well as the sailing, Barry organized the most delicious tea for the sailors when they came ashore and a full social programme each evening.

David Macfarlane, Class Captain

Please let us know what you are doing with your Dayboat - racing, cruising, restoring ... contributions to kathdavis@btinternet.com by mid November for the next issue

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Thornbury Sailing Club – DB fleet building

I'm greatly encouraged that every sign is favourable as to the future of our fleet.

Dave Allen has contributed greatly to this situation. He owns a fine clinker DB in Constance, DB 474, and a composite grp, Attila, DB 572 which is being completely refurbished professionally and Dave will refit over the winter. He spotted that Jaffa, DB 572 which was sailed at Oldbury for many years was being offered free in Sussex to any TSC member. So off to Sussex he goes to collect it having a new club member and DB owner lined up!

The racing fleet, which includes my Avocet, DB 565 and Kiwi, DB 542 sailed by Stuart Beale has been increased by Paul Bowden and Julie Baker racing Scaup, DB 533 another smoothie GRP. These three DB are planning DB Week in Poole. This will be the best TSC entry this century!

Finally, Dantie, DB 455 an historic cold moulded built in Gravesend in 1968 is being lovingly restored by John Gush and Alberto Pau.

I would normally include Barry Leat's simulated clinker Laurus III, DB 656, in this round up but, sadly Barry has a major problem with one ankle and sailing is out.



On the cruising front Tony Ryan plans some short cruises in Pluto, DB 494. He and I have made an attempt on one of the two upriver pills which have not been properly achieved under the rules of The Pill Challenge. We were thwarted by insufficient wind but did discover another pill in the curtilage of the former Berkely Power Station. The attached photo is of Aylburton Pill which is one of the longer pills.

The TSC Open 2018 was run for the modest Thornbury DB fleet in conjunction with the annual TSC Regatta. 5 of the 6 DB that race came to the line on Saturday sadly without Ozone Friendly from Gravesend because Paul Winterflood's vehicle had broken down on the M4 near Reading. After one leg of the first lap 3 sound signals announced race cancellation caused by lack of wind. After a short delay sufficient wind allowed a restart. This race and the second race were won in a commanding fashion



by Scaup, DB 533, helmed by new owners Paul Bowden and Julie Baker. They managed the marginal wind better than Dave Allen and Colin Trumper in Constance, DB 474 and Tim Parkinson and Jane Sunnock in Avocet, DB 565, who were 2nd and third respectively in both races.

Sunday's racing was in equally sunny conditions but with a more consistent

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breeze. This seemed to suit Avocet who won each of the two races by a margin of around two minutes. The conditions also suited Pluto sailed by Alberto Pau and John Gush in finishing second in each race. And Constance came in third in both races. Dave had decided to dispense with his crew!

Results

1	DB 565	Avocet	Tim Parkinson & Jane Sunnock
2	DB 533	Scaup	Paul Bowden & Julie Baker
3	DB 474	Constance	Dave Allen & Colin Trumper
4	DB 494	Pluto	Alberto Pau & John Gush
5	DB 542	Kiwi	Stuart & Sam Beale

Tim Parkinson, DB 565, Avocet

News from Poole

The 2018 season is well under way at Poole, with the weather gods seemingly playing ball (so far) and providing the fleet with some fantastic evening and weekend racing. With predominately north and easterly winds, the fleet has seen some varied courses this year, with races up to Wareham and down to Baiter in addition to the more conventional evening courses.

The season began early in April, with the inaugural singlehanded series. With two out of the scheduled six races taking place, Anita Habgood (DB 623 Second Fling) demonstrated her skills to take two bullets and become the overall winner of the series.

Bob and Margaret Clewer (DB 670 Déjà vu) have continued to dominate by taking the honours in the weekend and spring series.

The summer series has been hotly contested with 7 of the 20 boats taking line honours. Bob and Margaret Clewer lead the pack, with John Waters (604 Men Behaving Sadly) hot on their heels.

This year's open weekend saw the Dayboats combine their meet with the GP14 fleet. Poole Yacht Club welcomed 3 visiting boats; James Hewitt from Bosham, Simon Bullingham from Avon Sailing Club and David Morrice from Greens Forge, together with 10 local boats who enjoyed two races around Brownsea Island on Saturday (both clockwise and anti-clockwise). Colin Blewett and Steve Creasey (Alice)



Photo by Mike Millard

took line honours in the morning's race claiming the first case of Tanglefoot Ale, with Sue and Howard Clayton taking victory in the afternoon race. Special thanks are given to Mark James and Hall & Woodhouse Brewery for kindly providing the beer.

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On Sunday, the fleets were greeted with a bright, windless morning. With competitors kept ashore for around an hour, fingers were firmly crossed for the wind to build, and it didn't disappoint.

Three races back-to-back were scheduled, and with the wind gods finally playing ball, the first race eventually set off in approximately 6 knots of breeze from the south-east. Father and daughter team of Colin Blewett and Chrissy Campbell demonstrated their skills by taking line honours by almost a whole leg, followed by Sue and Howard Clayton (Hullabaloo) and James Hewitt and Rachael Bullingham (Merlin) in third.

By Race 2 the breeze had firmly established and a welcomed 12+ knots from the SSW began to blow. A game of snakes and ladders ensued, but it was once again Alice who took the win and the overall victory without the need to sail the final race. James Hewitt and Rachael Bullingham were second followed by Sue and Howard Clayton in third.

With Alice having already secured the overall win, crews continued to battle it out in the final race for second and third places. Murray Glennister and John Clements (Lyberty) skilfully navigated their way into top spot, pipping James Hewitt and Rachael Bullingham into second, and Natalie and Paul French (Kaos) into third.

Once off the water, competitors enjoyed tea and cakes, followed by a BBQ on the patio, before prizegiving took place.

Final Results - full results are on the website

1. DB 647 Colin Blewett & Chrissy Campbell
2. DB 669 James Hewitt & Rachael Bullingham
3. DB 659 Murray Glennister & John Clement
4. DB 650 Sue & Howard Clayton
5. DB 633 Natalie & Paul French

Entries are still open for Dayboat week and we look forward to welcoming visitors and local boats for what will no doubt be a great week of racing and social events.

Natalie French, 633 Kaos

Measuring a Dayboat

The shape of a Dayboat hull is defined on the original drawings. Class Rule 2 (the Rules are on the website) describes the method of measuring the hull shape: the measurements have to fall within the range of tolerances set out on the Measurement Form (also on the website under 'Forms'). The fibreglass hulls produced from the Association's moulds are accepted as being 'in class' but occasionally we need to measure a new wooden hull or an older hull that has been rebuilt or altered.

Measuring the hull requires some form of jig or fixture – it is not just a 'steel tape' job. The Association has an old wooden jig, which is essentially a timber board about 5 metres long with outriggers from which plumb lines are suspended. Apart from being in very poor condition, this is unwieldy to transport. Pete Hewitt (with some minor input from Bob Davis) has now designed and built a new jig, using aluminium box-sections in shorter lengths for easier transport, and rigid angle-section 'wands' in place of plumb lines. Some particularly finely-crafted parts of the old jig have been re-used.

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Pete/Sally Hewitt and Bob/Kath Davis both took holidays in Ireland in June and took the opportunity to visit Nigel Young, near Cork, to try out the jig on DB 665. This is a wooden cold-moulded ('smooth') hull built by Don Young, registered with the Association but never measured. It was intended for cruising, and has a wider centreboard box for a wooden plate, and can use a double-masted (ketch) rig (!). Nigel is planning to get the hull into 'racing' form and to have two Dayboats in action for Dayboat Week 2019.

The measurements were completed and the new jig pronounced a success, although Pete (ever the perfectionist) plans a few further minor 'tweaks' to it.

Bob Davis DB 641 Lucky

The photo shows the jig being used. Pete is at the end of the measuring tape, with the numbers that matter, while Bob Davis holds the zero end.



...and weighing.

Poole Dayboat Fleet now owns a set of scales for weighing boats. All Poole boats were weighed before being launched at the start of the season and it is anticipated that all visiting boats attending DB Week will also be weighed

The fork-lift was particularly useful for turning the boat ready for measuring. Perhaps the Poole fleet would like to buy one of those as well!



Sail Measuring

Steve Wilson has been approved as a sail measurer, and has been busy measuring new sails in readiness for DB Week. He can be contacted at steve@steveandannette.co.uk

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Dayboat 655, Emma

We thought we would share an update on Emma DB655, which we (that's me and my wife Karen) bought last year from Stuart Martell at Bosham SC and relocated to Gravesend.

We are newcomers to sailing, having picked up the bug at an RYA open day at Gravesend SC. While the idea of sailing in local tidal water had an immediate appeal, enthusiastic as we were, the prospect of regular dips in the Thames did not. So, the famed stability of a Dayboat, together with the presence of a friendly and active racing fleet at Gravesend, set us on the path to becoming owners.

To be honest, we progressed along that path a little quicker than we anticipated. What started out as a little bit of pricing research on the YWDB Boats for Sale page developed into a trip to Bosham to look at a couple of examples, and ended with us becoming Dayboat owners.

Since then, we've been working on improving our sailing skills and have been quite pleased with our progress. Most of that can be attributed to Gravesend SC members, who have provided endless advice, tips, training and encouragement. As a result, we are now entering most Club races and are achieving consistent results (that's consistently last but we do finish most). We also took part in the Gravesend DB Open this year where we met Tim Parkinson and his daughter Diana again (we had met them at the 2017 event but this time we were competitors - of a sort!) We hope to venture further afield and meet other Dayboat owners in 2019.

We've also spent some time going through the document archive on the YWDB Association, and have discovered that Emma has a backstory. Many members will likely know she was built by the Association to display at the Southampton Boat Show in 2002 but, it seems, the project proved a bit of a headache. The boat appears to have been delivered late, in a not fully finished state and a little overweight. It's probably not something those involved want to be reminded of.



Anyway, committee meeting minutes from 2002 record the suggestion that Gravesend SC might be persuaded to buy Emma as a training boat. It's not clear if they declined the offer or whether another buyer stepped in first. But either way, she has finally made it Thames-side and she's giving us a lot of fun.

The photo shows her being lowered into the river for the first time from the infamous Gravesend crane. It's a pretty hairy way to launch a dinghy but at least you don't get your feet (too) wet!

Chris Smith, DB655, Emma

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Dayboat Week 2018 Sunday 14th – Friday 17th August

For those of you who haven't attended a Dayboat Week and for those who have, here's a flavour of what we get up to during the week. Dayboat Week this year is in the beautiful natural harbour of Poole and even if you don't join us for the racing, you could join the week by cruising the harbour by day and joining in the socials by evening. Here's what is planned:

Sunday – Arrive at Poole YC. Boats will be 'checked' and (a first this year) weighed (hull with fixed equipment and centreplate). All boats can be moored on finger berths in the club marina – so no hauling in and out each day, although you can dry-sail if you wish. In the evening a reception with hog roast or BBQ..



DB Week 1957



Monday - Briefing at 09:00 with bacon butties and tea available. Points Race 1 is scheduled for 11:00. Back to the clubhouse after the race for lunch before the Opportunity Race in the afternoon which is open to any Association member not entering the Week as a helm. In the evening, there will be food available in the clubhouse followed by a light-hearted presentation by Richard Cake reminiscing on Dayboat Weeks from 1957 to 1990 – not to be missed. If we have time and/or the inclination there may be a short quiz for a bit of fun.

Tuesday - Points Race 2 is scheduled for 11:00 followed ('back-to-back') by Race 3.. Tea and cakes will be available in the clubhouse after sailing. Tuesday evening is 'free' although there are many local events and venues to visit.

Wednesday - At 11:00 we have our long distance race. This race does not 'count' for the series and has its own trophies. Depending on the weather, courses could be round the harbour islands, top of the harbour to Wareham, out of the harbour to Studland bay.

Thursday - Race 4, back in for lunch before our AGM in the clubhouse at 16:00. In the evening, a Harbour Cruise boat has been booked – meet on Poole Quay, collect pre-ordered fish & chips and board for a cruise around Brownsea Island, out of the harbour to Studland and maybe Swanage, before returning to anchor off Poole Quay to watch the Thursday Night Firework Display..

Friday - Race 5, back in for lunch and de-rig of boats. In the evening will be a very sociable 3 course dinner followed by our Prizegiving.

The programme is provisional, depending on the weather, and extra informal social events may be arranged (or will just happen!). As always, it will be a great week. If you haven't yet entered, there is still time!.



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